Vythala road extension—Eroor.

266. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there is not a saving of over Rs. 700 in the estimate for levelling, etc., in connection with that road ;

(b) if so, have the Government any objection to utilising the available amount for metalling the same *in this year only*?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) Yes.

(b) The question of utilising the tender savings for any purpose can be considered only after the works already taken up are completed.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Is there any objection for utilising the savings effected in this particular work for the improvement of that work?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—All the necessary work required for this road has been provided for in the estimate.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Am I to understand that metalling has been provided for?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Metalling has not been provided for.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Is it not necessary for that road?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is only a small foot-path. There are cartable roads for which more allotments will have to be given. The savings will be diverted for those cartable roads.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Am I to understand that the Government waits to see whether this amount is to be diverted for some other works?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Or some small deviations in this work also.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Has not the work estimated for been completed?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—No.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—What is it that remains

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Two culverts more have to be completed.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Are the savings effected inclusive of the cost of the culverts?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Tender deductions and the savings.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Did the tender include the construction of the culverts?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—So what is the deviation?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—In the case of construction of culverts we do not know what deviation will be required for the foundation. In the course of the construction we may have to deviate a little, or we may have to concrete the foundation before

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we know what exactly the savings would be and then decide under what items the savings will have to be spent.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Am I to understand that the foundation has not been laid as yet?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—No.

Opening of a road from near Kizhur hill to Vettikadavu and Vaduthala roads.

267. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken by the Government to open a road from near Kizhur Hill at Kunnamkulam to Vettikadavu and Vaduthala roads for which provision is made in the current year's budget; and whether the whole amount provided in the budget will be utilised for the same purpose before the end of 1108; and if not, why not?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The work has already been let on contract at 42 7/8 % less than the estimated rates. But the acquisition proceedings are not yet complete and the sites handed over to the Panchayat. As soon as the sites are taken possession of the work will be pushed through and every attempt made to complete the same this year itself. As the work is let on contract at good percentage of deduction, it may not be necessary to spend the whole sanctioned amount on the work. The exact amount of savings, if any, can, however, be ascertained only after the work is completed.

Mr. K. T. Mathew. Will the Government expedite the land acquisition proceedings?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes.

Bad workmanship in the execution of repairs to Pulikkalchira.

268. Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) has any work of repairs to Pulikkalchira under the Chelakkara Panchayat been executed in 1107;

(2) if so, was it carried out quite in accordance with the estimate;

(3) was there any deviation in the actual execution;

(4) during the course of execution, has any bad workmanship been pointed out by adjacent landowners;

(5) was there any petition from the interested parties for the rectification of bad work done;

(6) was any action taken to rectify the mistakes pointed out.

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